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1. FINNISH PRESS TODAY LED WITH THE CYPRUS DISPUTE IN CSCE AND PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S OR GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S SPEECHES WHILE GENERAL CSCE COVERAGE CONTINUED TO BE HEAVY. EDITORIAL COMMENT COVERED CSCE SPEECHES, CUBA, C.L. SULZBERGER'S N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE ON CSCE AND THE DECISION TO SET UP A PERPETUAL U.S.-FINNISH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE FUND.

2. THE CYPRUS DISPUTE CAUSED THE FIRST BLEMISH IN THE SO-FAR CLEAN SHIELD OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT, INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED UNDER A HEADLINE: "TURKEY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE MAKARIOS, CYPRUS DISPUTE BREAKS HARMONY IN THE CONFERENCE." THE BLEMISH MIGHT HAVE WIDENED HAD ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS DEMANDED A DEBATE AS A RESULT OF THE SPEECH BY THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL, THE PAPER SAID. THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT A CLOSED SESSION AND A DELAY IN THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE.

3. REACTIONS TO BREZHNEV'S SPEECH. GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S SPEECH SEEMED TO HAVE A FAVORABLE RECEPTION AMONG WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WHO RECOGNIZED IT AS A CONCILIATORY SPEECH THAT

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ALSO PAID ATTENTION TO THE HUMAN PROBLEMS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BY

THE WEST, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED.

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD DID NOT COMMENT ON BREZHNEV'S REMARKS ABOUT NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE OTHERS. INSTEAD, SOURCES IN THE AMERICAN DELEGATION SAID THAT FORD EXPECTED BEFORE-HAND THAT BREZHNEV WOULD EMPHSIZE THE NECESSITY OF MILITARY DETENTE, THE PAPER SAID.

AMERICANS SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD REGARDS THE SALT AGREEMENT AS THE FIRST PRIORITY AND THE MBFR TALKS AS THE SECOND MOST URGENT PROBLEM. THEY SAID THAT MANY OF THEIR ALLIES ARE NOT VERY EAGER TO URGE FOR TROOP REDUCTIONS AS THEY FEAR THE SUPERIORITY OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT, HELSINGIN SANOMAT SAID. HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS ALSO NOTED PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON'S PRESS CONFERENCE REACTION TO BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT ABOUT NON-INTERFERENCE. "WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED A FEW YEARS AGO THAT HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT LIKE THAT," WILSON SAID. HE SAW THIS AS A POSITIVE EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT OF THE "SPIRIT OF HELSINKI."

"I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FATE OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES HAD HE MADE HIS STATEMENT YEARS AGO, FOR INSTANCE BEFORE THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA EIGHT YEARS AGO," WILSON SAID ACCORDING TO HELSINKI PRESS REPORTS.

CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI NOTED THAT, IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY AND AMERICAN NEWSMAN ABOUT WHETHER BREZHNEV'S REMARK CAN BE INTERPRETED AS APPLYING TO THE SOVIET UNION'S OWN INTERNAL OPPOSITION, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "WELL, THE PRINCIPLE CAN NATURALLY BE READ IN TWO WAYS."

4. KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI BOTH INCORPORATED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND FORD-DEMIREL MEETING IN THEIR GENERAL LEADS ON THE CYPRUS CONTROVERSY. KISSINGER WAS OPENLY PESSIMISTIC AND SAID THAT THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS ACQUIRING FEATURES OF A GREEK TRAGEDY, UUSI SUOMI SAID.

5. FOUR-POWER MEETING. PRESS PLAY ON THE MEETING OF THE U.S., FRENCH, BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN LEADERS THURSDAY WAS LESS HEAVY THAN ON THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING. HEADLINES: "WESTERN CONCERN OVER PORTUGAL DEEPER" (INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT) AND "BIG UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR PREPARE FOR ECONOMIC SUMMIT" (CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI). PICTORIAL COVERAGE INCLUDED A FIVE-COLUMN FRONT-PAGE PICTURE IN SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET, A THREE-COLUMN PICTURE IN HELSINGIN SANOMAT, A FIVE-COLUMN PICTURE IN UUSI SUOMI AND A THREE-COLUMN PICTURE IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI.

6. ICEBREAKERS TO THE UNITED STATES. FOREIGN MINISTER OLAVI J. MATTILA OF FINLAND DESCRIBED THE TOPICS OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S

DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN LEADERS. CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA REPORTED IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINED "KEKKONEN'S TOPICS : PAPER MAKING MACHINE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ICEBREAKERS TO THE UNITED STATES" THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MATILA MET SECRETARY KISSINGER THURSDAY AND DISCUSSED GENERAL INTERNATIONAL TOPICS AND SOME AREAS PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT KEKKONEN HAD NOT HAD TIME TO TOUCH. QUESTIONS RELATED TO METAL INDUSTRY'S EXPORTS WERE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL. AN ICEBREAKER DEAL FROM FINLAND TO THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ACTUAL FOR A LONG TIME. THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT FOUR ICEBREAKERS FOR THE GREAT LAKES. THE VALUE OF THE DEAL MIGHT GO UP TO 500-600 MILLION FINNMARKS. THE UNITED STATES HAS LEGISLATION PROTECTING DOMESTIC SHIPYARDS AND THIS HAS BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO SUCH A DEAL. A NEW ACT OF CONGRESS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE SALE, THE PAPER SAID.

7. EDITORIAL COMMENT. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT REVIEWED CSCE SPEECHES IN EDITORIAL AND COMMENTED ON BREZHNEV'S: "THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IN PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV'S SPEECH WAS REFERENCE TO MILITARY DETENTE AND ABOVE ALL TO THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE SO-CALLED MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA HAVE BEEN AT STANDSTILL. NOW IT SEEMS THAT THE POLITICAL DETENTE EXPRESSED BY THE CSCE PROCESS WILL OFFER A NEW BASIS FOR THE MBFR TALKS, AND PERHAPS TO THE FOLLOW-UP OF SALT, TOO." CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI EDITORIALIZED ON PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S SPEECH: "FINLAND'S OFFICIAL CSCE SPEECH YESTERDAY FOLLOWED THE SAME CONCILIATORY LINE EMPHASIZING THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHICH HAS BEEN PERHAPS THE MOST NOTICEABLE FEATURE IN THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE SUPERPOWERS." SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI ALSO SUMMARIZED KEKKONEN'S SPEECH IN ITS EDITORIAL. SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET SUMMARIZED C.L. SULZBERGER'S RECENT ARTICLE ON CSCE AND COMMENTED EDITORIALY: "THE MANY NEGATIVE VOICES LIKE SULZBERGER'S ARE DISQUIETING BECAUSE THEY SHOW A SIGNIFICANT GAP BETWEEN A PART OF THE PUBLIC OPINION AND THE POLICY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF DETENTE PURSUED BY WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND EXPRESSED IN THE SPEECHES AT THE FINLANDIA HALL. THIS MEANS THAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE POLITICAL SETBACKS IN VIETNAM HAVE CREATED SOME KIND OF A PANIC."

THE SAME NEWSPAPER COMMENTED ON THE OAS MEETING IN SAN JOSE AND NOTED IN EDITORIAL: "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL POLICY OF DETENTE, SIGNS ABOUT A REASSESSMENT OF U.S. THINKING ON CUBA HAVE BEEN VISIBLE FOR A LONG TIME IN WASHINGTON. THE SAN JOSE MEETING HAS TAKEN A CONCRETE STEP TO PUT THIS THINKING IN PRACTICE." CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI EDITORIALIZED ON THE DECISION TO SET UP A PERPETUAL U.S. FINNISH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE FUND: "THESE GRANTS HAD A MUCH GREATER IMPORTANCE AFTER THE WAR THAN NOWADAYS BECAUSE IN THE BEGINNING THIS WAS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY WAY TO CONTINUE STUDIES IN THE "GREAT WEST." NOW THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

AT ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORT IT IS
STILL A GREAT THING FOR US FINNS THAT THIS ACTIVITY CAN CONTINUE
WITHOUT HITCHES ON THE BASIS OF A PRESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS."
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